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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS - UPGRADING TO CATEGORY
II AND OTHER CHANGES

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1. ADD A NEW PARA 5 TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AS
PER REFTTEL (C) AND DELETE THEREFORE POINT E OF AGREED
MINUTE. CHANGE NUMBERED SEQUENCE OF PARAGRAPHS IN THE
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TWO DOCUMENTS ACCORDINGLY. FONMIN AND ANDERSEN AGREED TO

CHANGE. THEIR RATIONALE IS THAT GOI MIGHT WANT TO MAKE PUBLIC ONLY THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND THE MOU, AND NOT (RPT NOT) THE AGREED MINUTE (AT LEAST INITIALLY). THEY, THEREFORE, SEE INCLUSION IN MOU AS EMPHASIZING A PUBLIC BINDING COMMITMENT ON USG PART (SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FROM CONGRESS) ON SOMETHING THEY THOUGHT WAS A COMMITMENT ALL ALONG. FOR LOCAL PSYCHOLOGICAL PURPOSES THEY MAY CHOOSE TO PLAY THIS AS A BRND NEW CONCESSION ON PART OF USG OBTAINED DURING SEP 26 NEGOTIATIONS.

2. IN AGREED MINUTE, POINT G (WHICH, AS RESULT OF CHANGE DISCUSSED ABOVE BECOMES POINT F), DELETE WORD "POLICE," SO THAT IT READS "THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL STUDY WAYS TO FURTHER THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE AND THE ICELANDIC COAST GUARD, CIVIL DEFENSE, AND CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES." FONMIN'S REASON: SOMEONE MIGHT MISUNDERSTAND AND THINK USG WILL BE CONVERTING ICELANDIC POLICE TO A "SECRET POLICE FORCE." HOWEVER, DESPITE OMISSION OF WORD "POLICE" GOI WOULD LIKE US TO EXPLORE MEANS FOR "COOPERATION" (UNSPECIFIED) WITH ICELANDIC POLICE OF A NATURE THAT WILL NOT VIOLATE ICELAND'S LAWS AND CULTURE.

3. BASED ON MEETING THIS MORNING WITH FONMIN AND ANDERSEN, THEY ARE SATISFIED WITH EXCHANGE OF NOTES DOCUMENT WITH INCLUSION SUGGESTED REFTTEL (D).
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